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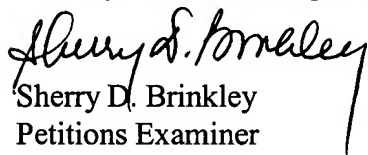
This is a decision on the petition, filed April 1, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners request that the application be withdrawn from issue for express abandonment. See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3). The above-identified application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) purportedly filed April 1, 2005.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being forwarded to the Files Repository as an abandoned application.



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